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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 9, 1999

APPLICATION OF

ROBERT A. WINNEY d/b/a  
THE WATERWORKS COMPANY OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

CASE NO. PUE990783

To change rates and charges

ORDER SUSPENDING CHANGES

On November 17, 1999, Robert A. Winney, d/b/a The Waterworks Company of Franklin County ("The Waterworks Company" or "Company"), filed with the Clerk of the Commission copies of a notice to customers of a change in rates and charges as required by Rule 4 of the Commission's Rules Implementing the Small Water or Sewer Public Utility Act, 20 VAC 5-200-40 ("Small Water Act Rules")<sup>1</sup>, and § 56-265.13:5 B of the Code of Virginia. As set out in its notice, the Company proposes to increase its flat rate for service from \$67.50 per quarter to \$82.50 per quarter paid in advance. The Company proposes to increase its availability fee from \$60.00 per year to \$100.00 per year. The Company also proposes a connection fee of \$1,000 and a turn-on-

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission's Small Water Act Rules are available for inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, Document Control Center. The Small Water Act Rules may also be found on World Wide Web at <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+reg+20VAC5-200-40>

charge of \$50.00 after service has been disconnected. The revised rates and charges would take effect January 1, 2000. The notice to customers was dated November 15, 1999.

As proposed by The Waterworks Company, the quarterly rate for rate service would increase by over 22 percent and the availability fee would increase by over 60 percent. Given this level of increase and its impact on customers, the Commission finds that, as provided by § 56-265.13:6 A of the Code of Virginia and Rule 7 of the Small Water Act Rules, the proposed rates and charges shall be suspended for 60 days. The current rates shall apply until the period of suspension runs. Thereafter the proposed rates and charges shall be interim and subject to refund with interest until the Commission has made a final determination in this proceeding. The Commission will schedule a hearing and establish additional procedures by subsequent order. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's application be docketed, be assigned Case No. PUE990783, and that all associated papers be filed therein.

(2) The proposed rates and charges with an effective date of January 1, 2000, be suspended for 60 days, to and through February 29, 2000. Thereafter, the proposed rates and charges

shall be interim and subject to refund with interest until the Commission makes a final determination in this proceeding.

(3) On or before January 4, 2000, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, an original and five (5) copies of the information required in Rule 8 of the Small Water Act Rules, 20 VAC 5-200-40.

(4) This matter be continued.